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	1. The Act fuer Information der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik is the hipper est information office in the DDR. It is directed by the well-known Corrainist, Cerhard Sisler, and has its office at 7-8 Thaelmann Platz, Berlin 3.			
	2.	2. Under the control of the DDR Information Office are the Hauptabteilungen fuer Information (main information departments) of the governments of the five Laender of the Soviet Zone of Germany. These departments are headed by departmental chiefs ranking as Ministerialdirektoren. Assigned to the information departments of the Laender are Acmter fuer Information (information offices) which function on the Kreise level where they are attached to the Landrats—acmter and, in the case of larger cities, to the Buergermeister offices.		
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	3. The Information Department of Land Saxony-Anhalt was established after dissolution of the Soviet press agency (SNB) and its cooperating branch, the Deutsches Institut fuer Sozialoekonomische Probleme (German institute fer problems of political economy), (1) Its office is located in the Regierungs-gebacude (capitol building of the State) on Wilhelm-Lohmann Strasse in Halle. Chief of the Information Department in Saxony-Anhalt is Mrs Hoffmeister (fmu), who formerly was on the managerial staff of the SNB in Halle. Deputy chief is Helmut Menzel, formerly chief of the Land labor office in Saxony-Anhalt. During the period of this report, Menzel was suspended, allegedly because he had supported press attacks against the Soviet Occupation Power.			the for fire gierungs- in Halle. ter (fnu), y chief is alt. cause he
	4. It is reported that the Saxony-Anhalt Information Lepartment is composed of the following sections: Folitical Section, headed by Mrs. Hoffmeister; Sconomic & Traffic Section, headed by Helmut Menzel; Communal & Finance Section, headed by Herta Kilzel, and Cultural Section (including propaganda			
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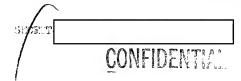
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Mericanal Front, film, press, radio), headed by Oberregiorungsrat Schiller (fau). Additional sections were still in the process of being organized. Impointment of personnel for this department is a difficult task, inasmuch as only persons who were not prisoners of war of the Jestern Powers and who have no relatives in Jestern Germany are eligible.

Information offices in the Landratsachter, and in the Buergermetater offices of the larger cities, administered independent of a Landkreis, are organized according to a structure similar to that of the information department on the Land level. They are charged with submitting information on outstanding political events, the attitude of the population, abuses in economy and administration, and reactionary activities.

Lecklenburg

- 6. The Information Department of Land Mecklenburg is located in the Land capitol building (Regiorungsgebacude) on Schlosstrasse in Schwerin (M 5h/T h6). Its chief is Ruk, Ferner. The office consists of the following five sections:
 - a. Section T. Information Control. This section is charged with maintaining contact with the individual Landkreise for the purpose of collecting information. It is headed by Karl Hans Hempel who is 35 years old, tall, has light-brown hair, and is a staunch SED member. (2) He supervises the following instructors (Instrukteure): Teinz Pick, an SPD member; Joachim Herberger, an SED member; Neumann (fmm), an SED member; and an additional unidentified instructor from the SDU. Also attached to this section is a woman from the SLL who serves as evaluation officer.
 - b. Section II Film, Radio and Press. This section has charge of political control and surveillance, is headed by Wollemann (SED), and includes two case officers one of whom is Mrs. Schulz, (fmm). (3)
 - c. Section III Politics and Meonomics. This section has charge of political control and surveillance and is headed by an SED member named Lahmann (fnu), who is 3 years old, medium-seized, and fair-haired.
 - d. Section TV Shows (variety shows and cabarets). This section has charge of political control and surveillance of said enterteinment activities. It is headed by an SED member named Leben (fmu), who is 35 years old, tall, and has light brown hair. Ers. Foltmann (fmu), wife of the bandtagsprassident, acts as a case officer. (h)
 - e. Section V Theatricals. This section has not yet been established.
- 7. In the field of information control Section I is assigned the following missions:
 - 2. Observe the activities of the National Front committees, both local and Kreis, with particular emphasis on relations with the West and their effects.
 - b. Observe the Machinery Exchange Stations (MAS), with particular emphasis on the political efficiency in communal work of the respective MAS leaders.
 - c. Observe FDJ and similar youth activities including denominational youth organizations which may effect the FDJ adversely.



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- c. Observe the activities of the so-called differentiation cornissions (Differenzierungs-Kommissionen) which are responsible for establishing delivery quotas for farmers.
- e. Accomplish special missions such as emploring the mood of the Berlin population during the FDJ Unitsum rally. Three SED instructors (Instructoure) together with chief case officers (Charreferenten) were sent to Berlin for that purpose where they reported directly to the Ferlin information office. Similarly, agents and other associates of the information department were sent to the Becklenburg cattle show in May 1950 to observe the sentiments of those in attendance.

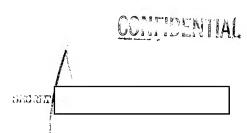
General Functions and Practices

- 8. In reporting, great value is placed by all offices and associates of the information-service on reports which contain accurate specific data such as nones. Inaccurate or vague reports are refused.
- 9. The information department furnishes appropriate propaganda material to newspapers in the DDR. This material includes general information which is compiled from miscellaneous press information and from specially edited surmanies. It also includes newspaper material from the U.S.B.R. and the People's Democracies, such as economic information supplied by the Polish information service. Aside from articles based on information department material, DDR newspapers are not permitted to print any information other than local. Information department material is also sent to the following offices in Nest Germany:
 - a. Parteivorstand, Landesleitungen and Kreisvorstaende of the KFD.
 - b. KFD chief Instrukteure.

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- c. Chief editors of KRD newspapers published in Testern Cormany.
- Comments.

 (1) The Deutsches Institut fuer Sozialoekonomische Probleme began functioning in 1947, closely cooperating with the SEE and the TASS in Cernary. Its personnel consisted of former Soviet officers, allegedly NEB or LVD members, and Cernam employees. The institute has repeatedly been characterized as a cover organization of Soviet IS, besides actively engaging in espionage in all fields. It is said to have been charged with fabricating fake material for newspapers in the Sestern areas and propagating Soviet ideas generally. The institute was allegedly located on Senstrasse, Guestrow (-54/7 98).
- (2) One People (fnu) of Schwerin, was known to be a prominent SED member in Feeklenburg and deputy chief of an unidentified economic organization in Feeklenburg.
- (3) In March 1949 one Fritz Wollermann, upon his release from a Soviet FW camp conveyed formal greetings to the SED Central Secretariat on behalf of released FWs.
- (4) I'rs. Holtmann's husband, Fritz Moltmann, is a veteran SMD member and is now president of the Mecklenburg Landtag, second chairman of the Mecklenburg Landesloitung, and a member of the MCD Farteiverstand.



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